

SPECIAL JOINT CITY COUNCIL/
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING
OF
JULY 6, 1982

The meeting was called to order at 8:43 a.m.

Roll Call:

Present: Members Mitchell, Golding, Williams, Struiksma, Gotch,
Murphy and Vice-Chairman Killea
Not Present: Member Cleator and Chairman Wilson (excused)
Secretary: Charles G. Abdelnour

Item 1: Presentation by Arthur H. Ballet on a theatre in Horton Plaza.

Mr. Ballet commented on the contents of his letter, which had previously been distributed to members, and responded to their questions.

Member Cleator entered the meeting.

Item 2: Gaslamp Quarter Redevelopment Plan

Two resolutions:

- 1) Finding that the use of taxes allocated from the Gaslamp Quarter Redevelopment Project for the purpose of improving and increasing the community's supply of low- and moderate-income housing outside the project area will be of benefit to the project; and
- 2) Certifying the completion of a Final Environmental Impact Report for the Gaslamp Quarter Redevelopment Project.

Vice-Chairman Killea opened the Public Hearing. Staff and members of the audience planning to speak on this issue were sworn in. Special Counsel David Beatty reviewed the procedures to be used, and he, Mike Stepner and Ed Murphy commented on the proposed redevelopment project.

The following people spoke in favor of the proposed Gaslamp Quarter Redevelopment Plan:

Raymond Spicer, Patricia Hirose, Bud Fisher, Wayne Donaldson, Ben Harroll, Jim Brandt, Kit Goldman, Ken Drayton, Dave Faust, Will Newbearn, Frank McClelland, Chris Mortenson, Dorothy Hom, Dan Pearson and David Ray Brown. Mr. Donaldson read a letter of support for the project from Rev. Richard Shanor, who was unable to be present.

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Speaking in opposition to the proposed Redevelopment Plan were:

Tom Finch (who also expressed the views of Joann Jenkins, Alex Kuhnel and Marilyn Marx); Lisa Unamuno, an attorney who was generally in support of the project, but wanted clarification of restrictions on offstreet parking lots for clients she represented; David Shepersky, Toby Grauf and Lee Hubbard; Jerry Wilson, Alan Barker and Don Reeves.

The Special Joint Meeting and Public Hearing was recessed at 12:09 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 2:14 p.m. All members were present, with the exception of Chairman Wilson (excused).

Motion by Gotch to close the Public Hearing.

Second by Struiksma.

Vote: 8-0

During discussion of this item, the following members made observations, or asked questions they would like staff to address at the meeting of July 13, 1982:

Member Gotch asked PAC members who spoke in support of the Redevelopment Project to examine their reasons for support, and come back and define their concerns, and whether or not they wish to take on the scope of a redevelopment project and the powers of eminent domain.

Member Murphy inquired exactly how the goals of eliminating blight and non-conformance, and enforcing exterior building facade and sign control could be achieved without a redevelopment project.

Member Golding wanted to know what means might be available to enforce laws already on the books dealing with the problems with winos and cheap liquor, or what ordinances could be introduced to control this problem, which seemed to be the complaint of perhaps 95 percent of the supporters of the redevelopment project.

Member Cleator requested a response from the Police Department about the complaints that existing laws were not being enforced.

Member Mitchell reiterated a prior request for a report on what Vancouver has done to eliminate derelicts in its Gastown project. Also, he wished to know the impact on other parts of the City, if derelicts are forced out of the Gaslamp Quarter.

Item 2: Gaslamp Quarter Redevelopment Plan (continued)

Motion by Murphy to continue discussion of this item one week (to the Regular Meeting of July 13, 1982 at 8:30 a.m. in the 12th floor Council Chambers, 202 "C" Street), to allow staff an opportunity to prepare responses to questions asked by Members.

Second by Cleator.

Vote: 8-0

The meeting was adjourned at 2:33 p.m.


Secretary of the Redevelopment Agency
of the City of San Diego, California